

# MINUTES FROM THE EAAE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Date: 29.03.2013

Venue: University of Hasselt, Faculty of Law

Minutes: Erling Rognes Solbu and Lou Schol

Participants: Please see attachment

The President opened the GA by thanking the host, University of Hasselt for the hospitality, and the GA participants for productive discussions during and after session 1 of the meeting the preceding Friday. The Friday session was important for the EAAE. It was a day of generosity. The President urged the participants to also let generosity be the leading principle of the formal General Assembly. The President expressed his longing for unanimous decisions during the GA and, asked for the continued trust of the association to carry out the tasks the current Council has set out to do.

## 1. ACCOUNTS 2013 AND BUDGET 2014

Presented by Treasurer Koenraad van Cleempoel.

### Accounts 2013

Main figures:

IN: (member fees + workshop Rome): 95 940 EUR

OUT: 61 474 EUR

Balance 2013: 32 244 EUR

EAAE's holdings including savings: 215 411 EUR

More money will be moved to the savings account after the secretariat has been moved from Leuven to Hasselt in summer 2014.

The representatives from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki raised comments regarding the 10 000 EUR spent on lawyers etc. during the 2013 conflict, as this was not approved by the former GA, and expressed discontent towards the spending of 1010 EUR on goodbye-present for the former President.

The Treasurer and President replied that the former council formally had the right to spend the 10 000 EUR without conferring with the GA, and that the current Council regret the sum spent on goodbye presents.

### Budget 2014

Estimated IN: 67 700 EUR\*

Estimated OUT: 85 000 EUR\*\*

\*125 x member fee + 5000 EUR refund of provision for the secretary's salary from KU Leuven (expected salary paid in advance to KU Leuven).

\*\*including publication of a yearbook, allocation for the Chania event in September and website project (the latter significantly lower than anticipated in the 2013 budget).

The salary expenses will be lower for the new secretary based in Hasselt.

There is an obvious Imbalance between in and out, but due to the large reserve of the EAAE the Council recommends that this is approved by the GA.

The President pointed out that the estimated costs for publication and the Chania event are rather open. It is important for the Council to signal that it is serious about both matters.

#### **Decision**

The accounts and budget were approved. There were no votes against the budget.

## **2. REVISION OF THE EAAE STATUTES**

Council Member Gunnar Parelius presented the Council's proposals for changes to the statutes. Only the Statutes were on the agenda, not "rules of practice" for project leaders etc.

The following main principles were applied by the Council in preparing the proposals for revisions

- Clarification and modernization
- Incorporation of existing activities
- Avoid micromanaging of EAAE bodies through the statutes.

The proposals were discussed during and after the presentation.

As decisions on changes to the Statutes require votes from 2/3 of the EAAE members, the GA was not able to make decisions. Johan Verbeke pointed out that according to Belgian law, the fact that the Statutes have been discussed at a GA means that it will not be necessary with 2/3 majority at the next GA.

#### **Decision:**

All EAAE members are asked to submit comments to the proposed revision to the EAAE email address within 1 May. Based on the incoming comments, the Council will produce a new proposal, which will be distributed on a formal hearing to all members, and finally voted upon at the next GA.

## **3. ELECTION**

Ahead of the GA the President had called for two new council members and a Vice President. Three candidates had been announced before the GA, no additional candidates were established during the GA session.

The President opened this session by appealing to the GA, asking for a postponement of the election of a Vice President until the next GA. The election at the current GA would then concern regular Council members only, for a period of three years.

The President's proposal was unanimously approved by both the candidates and the GA.

The candidates presented themselves:

- Lucyana Nyka, Gdansk University of Technology
- Suzanna Komossa, TU Deft
- Vaso Trova, University of Thessaly.

All candidates expressed their desire to put the recent conflicts behind, and get on with the work of defining the role and tasks of the future EAAE.

Constantin Spiridonidis expressed his lack of support for candidate Suzanna Komossa due to her alleged support for the previous EAAE regime, whose actions still, in his opinion, affect several of the GA participants.

Suzanna Komossa replied that she had no role in previous regime, and no influence on previous processes. She expressed her wish to maintain good relations to both sides of the conflict, and would like to incorporate individuals and universities that were loyal to former council in the EAAE.

The President also addressed this issue by stating that the Council perhaps should have dealt with the conflict more formally, and apologized to the ENHSA coordinators on behalf of the association. On the other side, if one's mission is to build an institution, it is not wise to keep up the split, but to work for reconciliation. It is important to recruit people from the parts of Europe that have been leaving since last year, into the Council.

The representatives from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki asked for a closed vote.

37 participants voted on behalf of their school:

Université de Liège	BE-22
Universiteit Hasselt	BE-07
Sopocka Szkoła Wyższa, Sopot College	A-PL-01
Universiteit Antwerpen	BE-01
KU Leuven, Departement Architectuur	BE-14
U.C.L., Faculté d'Architecture, d'ingénierie arch., LOCI	BE-15
ZHAW Winterthur	CH-16
Praha Technical University, CVUT	CZ-02
Vysoka Skola Umeleckoprumslova Prague	CZ-06
Fachhochschule Anhalt	DE-18
Universidad Politecnica de Catalunya, ETSAB - UPC	ES-01
Universitat Politècnica Catalunya	ES-08
Universitat Politècnica de València	ES-10
Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Bordeaux	FR-19
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	GR-03
University of Thessaly	GR-05
Budapest University of Technology & Economics	HU-01
University Genova, DSA Department of Sciences for Architecture	IT-09
Politecnico di Milano, Scuola di Architettura Civile	IT-11

Politecnico di Torino	IT-20
Academie van Bouwkunst Amsterdam	NL-01
TU Delft, Faculty of Architecture & Built Environment	NL-02
Academie van Bouwkunst, Hanze, Groningen	NL-04
Rotterdam Academie van Bouwkunst	NL-09
Technische Universiteit Eindhoven	NL-15
Oslo School of Architecture	NO-03
Norwegian University of Science and Technology, NTNU	NO-04
Gdansk University of Technology, Faculty of Architectuur	PL-02
University Minho, School Architecture	PT-03
Universidade Tecnica de Lisboa, Faculdade de Arquitectura	PT-08
Instituto Superior Manuel Teixeira Gomes	PT-20
University of Architecture & Urbanism Ion Mincu	RO-02
Umea University, School of Architecture	SE-05
Middle East Technical University	TR-03
Istanbul Kultur University	TR-13
Eastern Mediterranean University, Dept. Architecture	TR-24
TOBB University of Economics & Technology, Dept. Architecture	TR-62

#### Voting:

Ebbe Harder and Els Hannes (Universiteit Hasselt) kindly assisted Lou Schol, EAAE secretary during the voting process.

All participants with the mandate to vote signed the list of attendance. The participants carried 46 proxies in total. They were verified and counted by Ebbe Harder and Lou Schol.

The votes were counted by Ebbe Harder and Lou Schol. 83 schools were represented: 37 voting participants and 46 proxies.

#### RESULTS:

Lucyana Nyka:	66
Suzanna Komossa:	43
Vaso Trova:	58

All candidates got more votes than the 42 votes required for majority. All candidates are voted into the council.

The new Council consists of the following members:

- Karl Otto Ellefsen, The Oslo School of Architecture and Design, President
- Koenraad van Cleempoel, University of Hasselt, Treasurer
- Zdenek Zavrel, Czech Technical University
- Manuel Couceiro da Costa, University of Lisbon
- Nur Caglar, TOBB University of Economics and Technology
- Ivan Cabrera, Universitat Politecnica de Valencia
- Herbert Bühler, MSA Münster School of Architecture
- Adalberto Del Bo, Politecnico di Milano
- Suzanna Komossa, TU Delft

- Vaso Trova, University of Thessaly
- Lucyana Nyka, Gdansk University of Technology
- Gunnar Parelius, NTNU Trondheim, Coordinator of EAAE project networks.

#### **4. PRESENTATION OF THE NEW WEBSITE**

The new website was presented by Council member Ivan Cabrera Fausto and computer engineer from the Polytechnic University of Valencia Hector Castillo Andreu.

The GA applauded Cabrera and Castillo for the tremendous work.

Cabrera asked for the GA's patience regarding updating the list of members and transferring all information from the old website.

The President expressed gratitude to Cabrera and Castillo for the achievement, vast load of work done and continuous optimism throughout the process.

#### **5. NEW MEMBERS**

The following institutions were approved as new EAAE members on the basis of recommendation by the EAAE Council:

- ARCHIP, Prague, Czech Republic
- De Montfort University, Leicester School of Architecture, Great Britain
- Vysoka Skola Umeleckoprumyslova v Praze, Prague, Czech Republic
- Universidad de Sevilla, Escuela Técnica Superior de Arquitectura, Spain
- Università degli Studi "G. D'Annunzio" di Chieti e Pescara, Dipartimento di Architettura, Pescara, Italy
- Università degli Studi di Catania, Suracusa, Italy
- Università degli Studi di Napoli, Italy
- Università degli Studi di Camerino, Ascoli Piceno, Italy
- Universidade do Porto – Faculdade de Arquitectura, Porto, Portugal

#### **6. NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

It was decided that the next General Assembly will be held in Chania in September 2014. Information about the Chania meeting will be distributed as soon as it is available. Important issues at the September 2014 GA will be revision of the EAAE Statutes and election of a Vice President

The Chania meeting will also continue discussions on the mission statement and EAAE strategies.

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The President repeated his thanks to The University of Hasselt for hosting the General Assembly.